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EXDIS TO AMBASSADOR BLACK FROM INGERSOLL

E.O. 11652:

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SUBJECT: ASYLUM REQUEST (DR. JANOS PATAKI)

REF; ACCRA 8243

1. PLEASE LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE VERY SYMPATHETIC TO DR. PATAKI'S PLIGHT. HAD THERE BEEN THE SLIGHTEST DANGER OF HIS FORCIBLE RETURN TO HUNGARY, WE WOULD HAVE MADE IMMEDIATE ARRANGEMENTS TO FACILITATE HIS ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES. GIVEN THE FINE RECORD OF THE SWISS WITH RESPECT TO REFUGEES, WE FEEL DR. PATAKI IS IN NO IMMEDIATE DANGER.

2. TODAY AMEMBASSY BERN (IN A CABLE BEING REPEATED TO YOU) INDICATED THAT DR. PATAKI WAS NOT INTERESTED IN PURSUING ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES BY APPLYING FOR A 7TH PREFERENCE (ENTRY INTO THE U.S. AS A REFUGEE) VISA. WE ARE ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS FROM BERN AS TO DR. PATAKI'S INTENTIONS AND HIS STATUS WITH THE SWISS. TO BE
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FRANK, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRECEDENT IN SEEKING

PAROLE IN THE UNITED STATES OF ANY REFUGEE NOT FACING
FORCIBLE RETURN TO HIS COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY. AGAIN
THOUGH, LET ME STATE WE ARE MOST AWARE AND SYMPATHETIC TO
DR. PATAKI'S SITUATION, AND WE WILL FOLLOW THROUGH ON THE
CASE AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE FURTHER WORD FROM BERN. ROBINSON

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